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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Man Convicted of Hacking Gmail and iCloud Accounts

(U) A Chicago man has pleaded guilty to computer fraud in federal court. Edward Majerczyk, 28, pleaded guilty Tuesday to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and faces a maximum of five years in prison, though court documents show he'll likely be sentenced to between six months and one year. According to prosecutors, between November 2013 and August 2014 Majerczyk conducted a phishing scheme that tricked unsuspecting victims online into turning over their user names and passwords for such services as Apple's iCloud and Google's Gmail, Majerczyk duped more than 300 people into clicking on links that redirected them to a website where Majerczyk could see them enter their username and password. The emails he sent out led the victims to believe they were receiving messages from their Internet service providers.

SOURCE: 28 September 2016, LA Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Director Warns Hackers Still Targeting Election Systems

(U) Washington – Over the past month, voter registration databases in states across the United States have continued to come under attack by hackers, FBI Director James Comey warned lawmakers yesterday. Comey did not say whether those hacking attempts were on behalf of any foreign government, but his comments came amid increasing concern over suspected Russian attempts to break into US political institutions and influence the upcoming presidential election. In August, the FBI issued a warning to state governments noting that hackers infiltrated the Illinois State Board of Elections two months earlier and then tried to breach election systems in Arizona.

SOURCE: 28 September 2016, ABC 7

(U) New Jersey – At Least 3 Dead, Up to 100 Hurt in Train Crash

(U) Hoboken – At least three people died and up to 100 were hurt, some of them critically, when an NJ Transit train crashed into the station in Hoboken at the height of today's morning rush, leaving twisted piles of metal and bricks and causing part of the highly trafficked terminal to collapse. Preliminary reports suggest the crash involving train No. 1614 on the Pascack Valley Line was accidental or caused by operator error, according to five law enforcement officials, though they stress it is early in the investigation.

SOURCE: 29 September 2016, NBC New York

(U) South Carolina – Police: Teen Shooter Killed Dad before School Rampage

(U) Townville – A 14-year-old boy opened fire with a handgun at a school playground injuring two children and a teacher yesterday afternoon before he was stopped by a volunteer firefighter. Two 6-year-old boys were wounded, one critically, along with a teacher at Townville Elementary School while Jeffrey Osborne, the father of the teenager, was found shot to death at a home about three and a half

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miles away. One of the children and the teacher, Meghan Hollingsworth, were released hours later from AnMed Health Medical Center.

SOURCE: 28 September 2016, USA Today

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) India – Two Pakistani Soldiers Killed After Clashes with India

(U) Kashmir – Two Pakistani soldiers were killed after clashes with Indian troops in the disputed region of Kashmir. The Indian army said it had conducted "surgical attacks" across the de-facto border between the two countries to foil a "terrorist attack," but Pakistan insisted that no incursion had taken place into the territory it controls, saying there had only been an exchange of fire. The incident comes less than two weeks after 18 Indian soldiers were killed in an attack by armed militants on an army base in Uri, about 63 miles from Srinagar, the capital of Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir. It was one of the deadliest attacks to take place on an army base in Kashmir since militant attacks began in 1989, and sparked a furious war of words between India and Pakistan.

SOURCE: 29 September 2016, CNN

(U) Turkey – 32,000 jailed as Turkey Set to Extend State of Emergency

(U) Istanbul – Turkey's top national security body yesterday called for an extension of the controversial state of emergency imposed after the July 2016 coup that has already seen 32,000 suspects placed under arrest in an unprecedented crackdown. The state of emergency has provided the legal framework for the biggest crackdown in Turkey's modern history but also raised alarm among its partners in the European Union and United States. The coup was defeated when citizens poured into the streets in a show of support for Erdogan and faced down the rogue elements in the army seeking to oust him.

SOURCE: 28 September 2016, Yahoo News

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